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Press Release

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May Milk Production in Pennsylvania Down Slightly

HARRISBURG --- Milk production in **Pennsylvania** during May 2002 totaled 957 million pounds, down 0.1 percent from last year's production, according to the Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics Service (PASS). The number of milk cows in the state during the month averaged 580,000 head, down 1,000 head from April and down 19,000 head from May 2001. Production per cow averaged 1,650 pounds in May, 50 pounds more than both April 2002 and May 2001.

Milk production in the **20 states surveyed** during May 2002 totaled 13.0 billion pounds, up 3.2 percent from May 2001. April revised production, at 12.6 billion pounds was up 3.3 percent from April 2001. The number of milk cows averaged 7.76 million head, 14,000 head more than May 2001, and 9,000 head more than April 2002. Production per cow averaged 1,681 pounds for May, 49 pounds above May of last year.